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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TECH, ENRG, IS  
SUBJ: ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 80179; B) STATE 33893; C) TEL AVIV 0736; D) TEL AVIV  
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1. TEAM OF GENERAL ELECTRIC EXECUTIVES, LED BY GENERAL MANAGER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS JAMES BIRLE, HAS JUST COMPLETED  
SHORT VISIT TO ISRAEL T DISCUSS STATUS OF GE'S BID FOR NUCLEAR  
STEAM SUPPLY SYSTEM. GE, AS WELL AS OTHE BIDDERS (WESTINGHOUSE,  
AND BABCOCK & WILCOX), ARE CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF DELAYS  
IN ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BAR-LEV AND ATOMIC ENERGY CHIEF  
EILAM, TEAM WAS TOLD THAT "EVERYTHING IS MOVING ACCORDING TO  
SCHEDULE". OFFICIALS SAID PROVISIONAL LETTER OF INTENT,  
IDENTIFYING SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND LOCATION OF PLANT, WOULD BE  
ISSUED ON JUL 1. FINAL LETTER OF INTENT WILL BE ISSUED NO LATER  
THAN SEPT 1. OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT GOI HAD NOT YET  
RETURNED TO USG FIRST DRAFT OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT BUT SAID  
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WOULD DO SO SHORTLY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELIS WILL ISSUE PROVISIONAL LETTER OF INTENT ON JUL 1 BECAUSE THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE FINAL RESULTS OF SEISMIC SURVEY (REF C) UNTIL LATER IN SUMMER. US FIRM HAS COMPLETED GROUND WORK BUT EVALUATION OF DATA WILL REQUIRE SEVERAL MONTHS IN US LABORATORY. HOWEVER, GE WAS VIRTUALLY ASSURED THAT NITSANIM WILL BE SITE FOR FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. GOI OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT NO FAULT EXISTS ALONG COASTLINE BUT WANT TO HAVE IN HAND PROOF FROM SEISMIC SURVEY BEFORE ISSUING FINAL LETTER OF INTENT.

3. GE EXPECTS FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO COST UPWARDS OF DOL600 MILLION, OF WHICH DIRECT PURCHASE FROM US WILL TOTAL DOL300 MILLION. REMAINING DOL300 MILLION WILL BE CONTRACTED LOCALLY.

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